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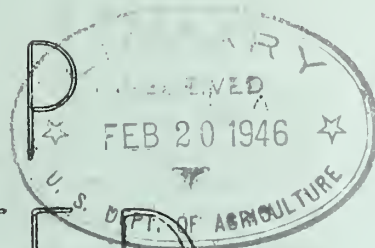
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TEN YEARS OR MORE GOVT. SERVICE

John W. Asher, Jr., - 10 yrs. 9 mos.
(9 yrs. 4 mos. in REA)

WEDDING

The wedding of Irleen Hogue and Lou Jorgensen, which will be informal, is set for 4:00 P.M., Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Delmar and Union. No invitations have been issued but everyone is cordially invited.

TILLES PARK HIKE

Thirteen hikers (it must have been a lucky number that day because the weather man predicted rain, but the sun stayed out--just for us it seemed) all bright and shining had a brisk hike. We left Tilles Park and wandered down a country road dotted with houses--the kind you only see in magazines--then wandered back passing (?) a delicious pineapple pear tree. Back at the park, a crackling fire was started and those lucky few pulled out their juicy tender steaks and started cooking along with those with hot dogs. After that snack, a sizzling ball game was played until dusk. Our hike will be at Creve Coeur which may be attended by many boys from Scott Field if our little hiking soldier can persuade his buddies to take a busman's holiday. Details will be in next week's SPAN.

THE WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN

If one were to ask a man or woman in service about the benefits of the USO and other agencies you would hear a tale of praise and be informed of an unbelievable achievement which during war time takes on the appearance of a miracle. We here at home will never know the full benefits or the lift in morale our service men and women have been given by the USO and other agencies which aid service personnel and others affected by the war. After a little reflection and thought you should realize the wonderful work being done by these agencies and it should not take any urging to give all you can.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON RETIREMENT

- Q. May deposit be made covering military or naval service?
- A. Yes, under the same conditions as for civilian service.
- Q. Of what does deposit to cover prior service consist?
- A. The regular sums ($2\frac{1}{2}$ percent from August 1, 1920 to June 30, 1926; $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1942; and 5 percent from July 1, 1942) which would have been withheld had the employee occupied a retirement status at the time, plus interest at the rate of 4 percent compounded on June 30 of each year.
- Q. What advantage is gained by making the deposit?
- A. The making of deposit will in most instances increase the annuity proportionately upon retirement and, since the employee's account draws interest at the rate of 4 percent, compounded annually, it is generally to an employee's definite advantage to make the payment.
- Q. Can any estimate be made as to the probable loss in annuity if the deposit is not paid?
- A. Each \$100 due the fund by a male applicant for annuity at age 60 will reduce his annuity by approximately \$7.62 a year. This figure varies based on age at retirement and increases to \$9.75 at age 70. The corresponding amounts for a female employee are \$7.04 to \$8.76. On any deposit due and unpaid, interest is charged through all periods of employment to date of retirement, and the sum then due will be used to determine the reduction in annuity necessary.
- Q. How is deposit to cover past service made?
- A. Following receipt of properly executed Form 3012 which the employee submits through the employing department or agency, the Civil Service Commission issues definite instructions regarding the making of deposit. The payment may be made in a lump sum or, if the employee so desires, in reasonable installments to be determined by the Commission.

DIDJA KNOW THAT

There's one REAer who has his tickets for the big ball games and thereby hangs a tale. E. Buchanan sent his check and "if you please" but Mr. Breadon sent them right back with "no soap" and that was much too much for Buck. For fifteen long years he's been sending in his requests only to have them returned and 'twas the last straw when it happened this year. Buck rose in all his wrath, took his pen in hand and let 'em have it. Believe it or not, Mr. Ripley, Czar Breadon, himself in person, called and told Buck he could have the whole grand stand if he would but refrain from inditing such caustic epistles for he couldn't stand it. Now all Buck has to do is get the time off to attend and what we want to know is how he's going to do that when he is so very, very busy that he can't get SPAN out for days and days and days. What looks like the end of a beautiful friendship seems to be in the offing - the party of the first part is now the foster-daddy of a most alluring white bunny rabbit and has been using his most persuasive arguments on the party of the second part in an attempt to promote a "marriage of convenience" (convenient for JKO) with the party of the second part's Easter bunny rabbit but up to this time it has fallen on deaf ears and B.B. is adamant, refusing to be a party to any such alliance. The truth is that B.B. is having plenty of trouble right now trying to explain the WHY of the "say it with flowers" with which he was so generous while cavorting 'round the country - no birthday no anniversary, no nothin' but flowers and flowers. The Budget Boys were the protagonists of a little drama entitled "Kiss the Boys Goodbye" (not Clare Luce Booth's but almost as good) last week. Tierney took to it just like a duck to water while timid Brownie almost made the chandelier in his embarrassment and now runs to cover every time a skirt swishes by his door. Orion Row, now stationed at Atlanta, Ga. with the Army Engineers, flew into St. L. last Sunday to spend the day with Harold and Kathleen of the Fin and Management O'Briens, and from all reports 'twas a bang-up party. While most unexpected Kathleen rustled up a most gorgeous breakfast of - "how in the world did she ever manage to save all those points" - "do you think she's dealing with the black market" - "we never really tasted such steaks" - you know, and on and on, along with those home fries and such hot biscuits and honey as one dreams about. We'll be out in a body come next St. Patricks and bring our own points. The rumor persists that soon there will be fascinating gal operators on the elevators but Col. Frazier wants it understood that if you work in the Annex you continue to ride with Messrs. Mack, Schlessinger and Horne and not go flitting up and down in the main building - 'member the manpower shortage hangs over the Annex, too. But cheer up, lassies, they have five brand new wolves in A&L. No reports as yet so maybe they haven't their eyes open but give 'em time or sell them a ticket to the Halloween party. The high light of that affair is going to be the Congo Walk and if you want to shine 'twill be best that you hustle around and find out just how 'tis done, for the swing and sway of what one swings and sways must be in rythm with the leader or all the engineering feats in the world won't keep the hotel from crashing on your noble domes, but a couple of amateurs can surely make it a barrel of fun for those on the side lines. No reports from D&C, Fin or the other diviz on any new recruits but pretty soon they'll begin to assemble and then That Man - J. Radley who can make littler offices out of already infinitesimal offices - will be out again unless, of

course, J. Klutz has published his one right out of every ten rumors and we will be trekking back to those big broad highways which could justifiably be called boulevards and where there is a water wagon that is meant for something other than a phantom seat upon which to ride during the Lenten Season. HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE; Those three musketeers of Fin who take a breather in the a.m. and p.m. - destination unknown; the Lost and Found Department of Finance where they can actually hunt things that never were lost - no job too large or too small for those boys to take on; Pearl Conover looking mighty fine, stopping long enough in her travels to say howdy; Georgia Kick trying to start another Civil War before we end the one in which we're all involved - or are we; Uncle Joe back to that before daylight grind after a.l'ing in Canada; Captain and Mrs. Irene Walls with their cute trick of a daughter calling at Irene's old haunts in Management. Lt. George McPhee, one of the five who fly the hospital transports, back to the South Pac. to complete another mission in bringing back our wounded sailors, soldiers and marines to their own shores; Those Poetesses - A. Hoffelmeyer and M. Gillam; E. Johnson a.l'ing but where is a mystery but SPAN WILL FIND OUT; the engineer who says "if you can get out at night" why waste it bowling; and who lost what to who and had to pay for that swanky room at the Statler. Ruth "Information Please" Miller, the proud possessor of a gorgeous Mexican bottle acquired for knowing all the right answers but alas it was empty - what, no tequila? Mrs. Marie Hardy, Insurance Section, more than proud of her son, Lt. Thos. Hardy, Navy Dive Bomber, who has been in the So. Pac. for a year and a half and has participated in many heroic and hazardous missions; Phil Dodge and Noni Crown "middle aisling" come Oct. 21st; that faithful foursome - Alma Rahr, Pauline Lange, Margaret Hicks and D. S. Ward - Originally it was twenty who came to REA all on the same day and used to celebrate with a luncheon and now the other sixteen are but memories. FLASH! One of SPAN'S ardent admirers has requested that his contribution be announced on the "respectable" side of our little paper - (You'll find it right there) After deep thought and consideration 'tis tho't to be a most laudable idea so all future contributors should indicate on which side of the journal they would like their item - 'twon't make a bit of difference though, we'll make something out of it if we can just to fill up space.

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